

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23093

This is the FY 2015 appropriation to the Idaho State Controller for \$6,884,100 from the General Fund and \$7,398,200 in dedicated funds for a total appropriation of \$14,282,300. Full-time equivalent positions are capped at ninety-four (94). It includes \$135,100 in benefit cost increases, \$58,800 for replacement items, a reduction in \$500 for statewide cost allocation, \$1,100 for annualization of the State Controller's salary (as required by statute), and \$132,400 for an increase in employee compensation.

It also includes \$150,000 from the General Fund to support ongoing development of access to the State Controller's web-based applications through browsers approved and adopted according to statewide standards. As the variety of approved and supported browser and device standards expands, the Controller's Office will work to provide the capability to complete and approve time sheets, travel vouchers and other employee-related forms through the statewide adopted standards.

It also includes \$100,000 for ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the Idaho Business Intelligence Solution (IBIS) data warehouse, which provides a business intelligence and data warehouse solution for the state's financial system.

The bill provides \$250,000 in one-time money from the General Fund to pay for a study to determine the direction for the state's accounting, financial, and payroll systems. The current accounting and financial reporting system, known as STARS, was acquired by Idaho in 1987 and is approaching the end of its useful life. Some state agencies are beginning to purchase and implement their own accounting systems, which is a wasteful overall approach to managing statewide financial data. By not determining a centralized approach to replace Idaho's accounting, financial reporting, and payroll systems, individual agencies will continue to spend resources on stand-alone, agency-specific financial systems. In addition to being cost inefficient, the financial information retained in statewide accounting systems becomes less relevant as agencies retain detail in their internal systems, not on a statewide system. In order to keep this study independent, contract service personnel will be used to implement this appropriation. Policy makers, state agencies, citizens, and anyone with an interest in the overall accounting and payroll operations of the state will benefit from having better financial data available to make appropriate decisions.

Lastly, this appropriation provides \$1,500 for network-related billing fees as well as carryover authority for dedicated funds from FY 2014 into FY 2015.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Total
FY 2014 Original Appropriation	94.00	7,297,800	7,229,200	14,527,000
Reappropriation	0.00	0	3,299,800	3,299,800
FY 2014 Total Appropriation	94.00	7,297,800	10,529,000	17,826,800
Noncognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	0	0
FY 2014 Estimated Expenditures	94.00	7,297,800	10,529,000	17,826,800
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(1,053,300)	(3,319,600)	(4,372,900)

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FY 2015 Base	94.00	6,244,500	7,209,400	13,453,900
Benefit Costs	0.00	62,700	72,400	135,100
Replacement Items	0.00	21,800	37,000	58,800
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	(1,100)	600	(500)
Annualizations	0.00	1,100	0	1,100
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	54,400	78,000	132,400
FY 2015 Program Maintenance	94.00	6,383,400	7,397,400	13,780,800
1. Web Application Compatibility	0.00	150,000	0	150,000
2. Maintenance Funding for IBIS	0.00	100,000	0	100,000
3. Social Security Section 218 Compliance	0.00	0	0	0
4. Fiscal/Acct Systems Replacement Study	0.00	250,000	0	250,000
5. Transparency Website Upgrade	0.00	0	0	0
Network-Related Billing Fees	0.00	700	800	1,500
Budget Law Exceptions	0.00	0	0	0
FY 2015 Total	94.00	6,884,100	7,398,200	14,282,300
Chg from FY 2014 Orig Approp	0.00	(413,700)	169,000	(244,700)
% Chg from FY 2014 Orig Approp.	0.0%	(5.7%)	2.3%	(1.7%)

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